

DEC 2001

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAILING PAPER

October 22,2001 DATE OF SIGNATURE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Docket No. 2821-211WOUS

ROMEO BUCHER et al.

Date: 22 October 2001

Serial No. 09/913,984

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Available

Filed On: 17 August 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Available

TITLE: Method and Device for Welding Sheets

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

Dear Sir:

In the Notification of Missing Requirements sent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and dated 12 October 2001, the USPTO indicated that an oath or declaration must be provided along with the requisite fee. Applicants enclosed herewith: (1) an executed declaration and power of attorney: and (2) a check in the amount of \$130 in full payment of

ja, 2002 UEDUVIJE 00000179 09913984

1 50:004

130.00 DP

O 1 P & CO.

the requisite fee. Applicant believes the enclosed payment is sufficient to cover the requisite fee. In the event the enclosed payment is insufficient, or an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted.

By Richard D. Getz

Registration No. 36,147 Attorney for Applicants

McCormick, Paulding & Huber LLP CityPlace II, 185 Asylum Street Hartford, CT 06103-4102 (860) 549-5290